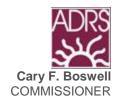


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## Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services elects new chair, vice chair

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services elected a new chair and vice-chair at its Dec. 17 meeting.

Roger McCullough, senior human resource manager for the Jefferson County Personnel Board, was elected board chairman while Mitch Strickland of Tuscaloosa was named vice chair.

McCullough, who represents Congressional District 6, has served on the board for 10 years. He replaces Patricia "Crickett" Floyd, who served six terms as chairperson, beginning in November 1989.

"I'm excited about being the new chair," McCullough said. "I look forward to working with the rest of the board. It is a challenge and an opportunity I am ready to take on."

McCullough has worked with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services for more than 25 years. First, during his more than 20 years with the University of Alabama at Birmingham ( UAB ), where he served as assistant vice president for Human Resources. While there, he was an influential advocate for the recruitment, hiring and promotion of people with disabilities.

When he began working for the Jefferson County Personnel Board, he continued to promote the hiring of people with disabilities. During his tenure, McCullough has written guidelines for recruiting applicants with disabilities, established in-service disability trainings for managers, and developed summer work experiences for youth with disabilities.

He said he is looking forward to continuing his work with individuals with disabilities as the new chair of the board.

McCullough will be working with Strickland, his new vice chairman. Strickland, who has a spinal cord injury, represents Congressional District 7 and has been on the board for seven years. He is a Tuscaloosa resident who has won gold medals for powerlifting at several national and international competitions, including the Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia; and Atlanta, Ga. He has served on the board of directors of Wheelchair Sports USA, as well as the international Paralympics Athletes' Advisory Committee. His special interest is working to ensure that individuals with disabilities – especially young people – can get the services they need.

The other members of the board include Stephen G. Kayes, District 1; Floyd, District 3; and David Brock, District 4.

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